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FOLLOWING REPEAT QUITO 5684

QUOTE:

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS COL ARG

SUBJ: COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
OF SELF-STYLED ARGENTINE TERRORIST

1. THE COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR ASKED ME FOR ASSISTANCE  
IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ON RODOLFO AUGUSTO CORTESE-WEIGEL,  
CORTESE, WHO CLAIMS TO BE ARGENTINE, WAS ARRESTED RECENTLY  
IN GUAYAQUIL AS AN ILLEGAL ALIEN AND FOR OTHER CRIMES.  
HE CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN A BODYGUARD OF FORMER PRESIDENT  
MARIA ESTELA PERON, AS WELL AS A MEMBER OF THE RIGHT-WING  
AAA TERRORIST GROUP. HAS BEEN 6-8 MONTHS IN ECUADOR.

2. CORTESE CLAIMS TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS OF  
THE SWISS CONSUL IN CALI (FNU) LEUPIN, WHO WAS KIDNAPPED  
TWO YEARS AGO. IN EXCHANGE FOR DROPPING OF THE ECUADOREAN  
CHARGES AGAINST HIM AND RESIDENCE IN COLOMBIA, CORTESE HAS  
OFFERED TO "DELIVER" LEUPIN TO THE COLOMBIANS. HE ALSO  
CLAIMS TO HAVE EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE ON GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES  
IN COLOMBIA. OTHERWISE, CORTESE IS TO BE DEPORTED TO  
ARGENTINA.

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3. CORTESE SAYS HIS FARTHER, FROM WHO HE IS ESTRANGED,

IS LT. COL. RODOLFO MARIO CORTESE-WEIGEL WHO, HE SAYS,  
IS ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE CAMANDO GENERAL DEL EJERCITO,  
ADDRESS: DEPTO. 303011 OCTAVO PISO, JEFATURA NO. 1,  
RUFNOS ARIES.  
UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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